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Sir:

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It is respectfully requested that:

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An early and favorable action is hereby requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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